

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Characteristics and Production Costs of U.S. Cotton Farms, 2007

Type of Report  
(ERR, EIB, EB) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: The most recent cotton version of the Agricultural Resource Management Survey collected data on the production practices and costs related to the cotton enterprise, as well as information on the characteristics of cotton farm operations for 2007. Combining this survey information with ERS cost of cotton estimates for 2007 provides a wealth of background information on various groups of cotton producers. For instance, low-cost producers had higher yields and lower levels of major inputs per planted cotton acre compared with mid- and high-cost producers in 2007.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 02/07/12 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No

